

INQUIRY IS BEGUN

Commission Opens North Sea Investigation.

BALTIC FLEET RUMORS.

London Bids Ten Times Over for Japan's
Loan — Japanese Cruisers
Off Coast of
Africa.

London, Nov. 15.—Although the setting out of the Baltic fleet for the Far East and delay in capturing Port Arthur have been officially given as reasons for the rather hard terms on which Japan secured the underwriting of her loan, those reasons have not prevented a great show of confidence on the part of the British public, which has ten times oversubscribed the \$30,000,000 assigned to London. It is reported that the progress of the Russian fleet is causing some anxiety in Tokyo and that plans are under way for dealing with this new force. Meanwhile the Dogger Bank incident has in no way discouraged the manufacture of rumors. London hears of mysterious Japanese men and boats in the Baltic region; an attack in the Red Sea is talked of, and small Japanese cruisers are reported off the west coast of Africa, apparently waiting to destroy the heavier battleships, which are supposed to have taken the Cape route to the east. There is no present reason for giving the slightest credit to any of these stories. Not too much importance should be attached to the czar's reported decision not to postpone the meeting of the conference on peasant reforms. While reforms in Russia's internal machinery are greatly to be hoped for, the czar's liberal schemes have fallen flat too many times to furnish a basis for exceeding faith. By consenting to the meeting of Saturday the czar avoids popular discontent, and as the representatives of the peasants can take no official action, their debates cannot commit the government to specific reforms. On the other hand, they will furnish an outlet for discontent rather more safe than some that have been used in the past. In short, it is too soon to decide that the "reforms" are more than a diversion.

The inquiry which Great Britain conducts on her own behalf into the North Sea incident opened today.

ANDRE HAS RESIGNED.

French War Minister Retires from the Cabinet.

Paris, Nov. 15.—Official announcement is made of the resignation of Gen. Andre, the war minister, and the nomination of M. Henry Maurice Berteaux, member of the Chamber of Deputies from the Versailles division of the Seine-et-Oise, to succeed him.

Kuroki's Death Denied.

London, Nov. 15.—A dispatch from Tokyo today states that the Japanese army staff pronounces the report of General Kuroki's death to be absurd.

The reported death of Kuroki was telegraphed from Russian sources soon after the battle of Liangyang. It was later said he had fallen a victim to dysentery.

Saturday a dispatch from Mukden gave what was claimed to be a confirmation of the first report that he had been killed at Liangyang. Danchenko, the Russian correspondent, telegraphed that Kuroki had been hit by a shell splinter and had died of his wounds.

Discovery Spoiled Panama Coup.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Unofficial news has been received in Washington that tends to confirm the rumors from Panama that a coup d'état had been planned in that country by certain factors opposed to the administration of President Amador. The plot was frustrated by discovery by the Panamanian government.

The Dixie Will Remain at Colon.

Washington, Nov. 15.—In view of the reported disturbed condition of affairs in Panama, the Navy Department has ordered the Dixie to remain at Colon for the present.

FIRE ON JERSEY CITY WHARVES.

Started in Cold Storage House — Loss Estimated at \$100,000.

New York, Nov. 15.—Several hundred raresties in cold storage were incinerated, much valuable property was destroyed and many blocks along the water front were threatened by a fire which raged for several hours in the United Stock Yards in Jersey City, early today. The damage is estimated at \$100,000. The fire started in the cold storage room of the plant and is thought to have been caused by an explosion of ammonia. The Erie railroad company's big grain elevator, containing thousands of bushels of grain ready for export shipment and the property of the Herwin White Coal Company was seriously threatened, but the flames were fought back before serious damage was done in that direction.

The flames spread over a tract six hundred feet long and two hundred feet wide. The cattle slaughtering house at the extreme eastern end of the plant, on the river, was saved mainly by the efforts of the tugboats. The buildings containing the electric power plant, engine room, boiler room and refrigerating plant next west of the slaughtering house and the hog and sheep abattoir and fat-rendering house were destroyed. A number of pens and cattle-sheds were also consumed.

The manager of the stock yards said that about 7000 dressed hogs and sheep were consumed by the flames and that about 200 live hogs and 200 live sheep perished. The livestock burned was in pens near the slaughtering house.

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PREPARING FOR LAST GAME.

Only Light Work For The Yale Eleven.

New Haven, Nov. 15.—The air is full of preparation for the Yale-Harvard football game, which winds up the season for the old rivals. It is somewhat surprising at Yale that Harvard men show such confidence in their team as they do at present, for more even money bets have been put up by Yale men already on the outcome of the match next Saturday than were posted for the Princeton game of Saturday. Down here it is the general opinion that Harvard is coming fast, and, while there is no general idea that Yale should be beaten, it is felt that the game will prove a closer clash than the Princeton struggle.

The rush for tickets to the game is on and premiums of from \$5 to \$10 are already being paid. There are no tickets on sale for even college men. The 4,000 new seats at the Yale field have brought the capacity up to 32,000. Two new exits constructed in the middle of the side stands have made it possible to empty the stands in half the time heretofore needed.

At the Poquon House, in Morris Cove, it is expected that the Harvard eleven will arrive in time for dinner on Thursday. The plan is for the one o'clock express to be stopped at the Cedar Hill station. The eleven will be taken off in special trolley cars and run down to Morris Cove without going to the middle of the city. The squad will be quartered at Morris Grove, till Saturday, when they will take special cars to the Yale field.

NAN PATTERSON ON HAND, BUT CASE WASN'T CALLED.

New York, Nov. 15.—Nan Patterson, accused of the murder of "Caesar" Young, a racing bookmaker, who was shot to death in a cab on West Broadway about six months ago, was taken from her cell in the Tombs prison to the criminal branch of the supreme court, this morning, for the opening of her trial. The trial, however, did not proceed, another case being on, and it was adjourned until tomorrow.

BULLET IN HIS HEAD.

Treasury Division Chief Shot Himself at His Desk.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—Albert Relyea, chief of the redemption division in the office of the treasurer of the United States, shot himself in the head today, while at his desk.

Relyea was immediately removed to the Emergency Hospital, where he died. He was from Connecticut and is 50 years old. He had been in very poor health recently, to which his act is attributed.

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WRECKS ON MAINE COAST.

Five Reported From Vicinity of Rockland.

Boston, Nov. 15.—The storm which swept over New England Sunday continued its sweeping yesterday over the Maritime Provinces. The gale drove mountain-high waves upon the Nova Scotia shore, and the remarkably low barometer of 29.5 was recorded. Communication by wire east of Rockland, Me., is practically stopped. Slowly are coming in the reports of the storm. Five vessels, including a launch, are either sunk or stranded on the Maine coast; a Fletton schooner went down near her home port, and a vessel that grounded near Cape Hatteras last week is believed to have gone to pieces. Altogether some twelve vessels were driven ashore at various points along the coast; one vessel foundered, and a barge was sunk in collision. The storm, which in most places ended in snow, has been followed by clear and cold weather, and good sleighing is reported in central New York, in western Massachusetts and in Vermont. New Hampshire and Maine. Communication with points west of Buffalo and south of Baltimore is being gradually re-established.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

A Schooner Sank and the Mate Succumbed After Reaching Shore.

Pieton, Ont., Nov. 14.—The schooner Annie Falconer, owned and sailed by Captain Morney Ackerman of Pieton, went down in the gale Saturday night between the False Bucks Island and Timber Island. The Falconer was bound from Sodus Point, N. Y., to Pieton with coal.

James Sullivan, the mate, after reaching land wandered away, and when found by his mates was dead of cold and exhaustion.

FROZE TO DEATH IN VIRGINIA.

A Magistrate Fifty Years Old Succumbed in a Public Highway.

Martinsville, Va., Nov. 14.—Thomas Richardson, a Henry county magistrate, fifty years old, froze to death yesterday in a public highway.

Storm Strands Big Whale.

Brunswick, Me., Nov. 14.—An eighty foot whale was washed ashore in the great storm today. The monster was brought up while the tide was highest and at low water was stranded on the flats, where it was killed with a rifle.

A TURKEY TRUST FORMED.

Warren County, New York, Farmers Unite to Obtain Higher Prices.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Warren county farmers, who raise great numbers of turkeys for the Eastern markets, are reported to have formed a trust and unanimously decided that the Thanksgiving fowl is worth more money this year than heretofore. The present price is 23 cents, and a rise to 30 cents a pound is expected by next week.

MAY STIR TARIFF WAR

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MR. DALZEL ANTAGONISTIC

Friends Think Roosevelt May Call an
Extra Session in Spring
to Make Needed
Changes.

Washington, Nov. 15.—While President Roosevelt has let it be known that he will not take up general tariff revision in his coming annual message, the subject will be thoroughly discussed among members of congress during the winter. It is not at all improbable that an extra session will be called to meet next spring for the purpose of revising the schedules of the Dingley law.

One of the leading members of the House, who has been conferring a good deal with the President of late, a man who has hitherto been classed as a strong advocate of the "stand pat" policy, said today that he believed it possible, in view of the overwhelming majority of the Republican party in the election, to undertake the revision of the tariff without disturbing the business conditions of the country. He reasoned that with a majority of more than 100 in the House the country would feel assured that no radical action would be taken. He believed the Dingley schedules should be revised as scientifically as possible at an extra session, and a new bill embodying the revised schedules be passed at the extra session.

If such men as Dalzell, Aldrich, and others who are always active in consideration of tariff matters could be brought together and something like harmonious action assured, he believed it would be preferable to dispose of the subject next spring. If the calling of an extra session meant a general fight over tariff, however, he would oppose it.

He declared that at the proper time, after consultation with the Senate and House members, the President could be depended on to take the initiative.

ROOSEVELT MAY HAVE HARD TARIFF BATTLE

Dalzell and Hepburn Insist That The
People Have Spoken Against
Any Change.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—President Roosevelt is not likely to bring about a change in the present tariff schedules within the next two years without a struggle. Even now it looks very much like a tariff war within the Republican lines, with the President on one side, and the "high priests" of high protection on the other. Representative Dalzell, the "high priest" leader in the House, although he goes no further than to say that there is no need for a change at present, it is believed that he will be found fighting any change in the next two Congresses.

Representative Hepburn, one of the ultra-protectionists, talks in a similar vein. Both insist that the tariff was an issue in the recent campaign, and that the people spoke very emphatically against any change. The situation is not unlike that which developed at the beginning of the struggle for Cuban reciprocity three years ago.

"PARKER IS NO GOOD" BOY WROTE ROOSEVELT

Whereupon the President Sent a Card
of Thanks for The Lad's Con-
gratulations.

Mr. Vernon, N. Y., Nov. 15.—This little letter addressed to President Roosevelt was opened by one of the secretaries at the White House last Thursday: "To the President: I voted for you. Parker is no good."

JAMES NUGENT CONROY, (6 years of age, of Mr. Vernon, N. Y.) The epistle found its way into the hands of the President. With courtesy a card, on which was engraved in bold script: "The President," was inclosed, "with hearty thanks for your congratulations," and this was inclosed in an envelope, which bore in blue, "White House" in the upper left hand corner.

Yesterday morning a big postman called at 125 North Fulton avenue, where lives James and his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Conroy, and left the letter and card. Mrs. Conroy says she saw her son write the letter, but she never dreamed of his sending it.

WATTERSON ADVISES REST.

He Says That Is What Democrats
Should Do—Would Stop Planning.

New York, Nov. 15.—Henry Watterston of Kentucky summed up the Democratic view of Thomas E. Watson's proposal to incorporate the Democratic party into the People's party, when he said: "Let Mr. Watson draw up plans and write, and Mr. Bryan, too, for that matter. It is their vocation. For my part, I say that the man who, in the present situation, can tell what the political future holds is wiser than I believe anybody to be. You may put down all talk about reorganization at this early date as visionary and impracticable. Watson is a visionary man, and it's his business to formulate and reorganize at a juncture like this. Let him go ahead. It amuses him, and it does not hurt anybody. I advise Democrats for the present to stop planning and take a rest. That's what I am going to do."

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IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS

American Federation of Labor in Annual
Convention — An Eight-Hour
Day for Colorado
Miners.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Four hundred and eighty delegates representing 3,400,000 members of labor unions met yesterday in Lyric hall for the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. President Samuel Gompers, in the course of his annual address, said:

"At the end of this fiscal year, Sept. 30, 1904, there were affiliated to the American Federation of Labor: International unions, 120; state federations, 32; central labor unions, 569; local unions and federal labor unions, 1271; total, 1992. The average membership of our affiliated unions upon which per capita tax has been paid to the American Federation of Labor for the year ending Sept. 30, 1903, was 1,465,500. We shall no doubt be confronted with the keenest opposition in the near future. There are those who will not understand the purposes of the organized labor movement; and the good work which it is doing, and which it can and will do, and it therefore behooves us to devote our attention and to concentrate our efforts more largely in bringing to the attention of the yet unorganized how necessary it is for the protection of themselves and those dependent upon them to secure and maintain the advantage ground already gained. It is a science becoming more generally understood by labor to know when to strike and when not to strike; to know for what to strike and for what not to strike. It is said that it is not wise to strike on a so-called falling market. It cannot, however, be successfully gained that a strike or preparedness to strike in resisting an offer of wage reduction will prevent the market from falling still lower. May I use the homely phrase of saying we are not yet 'out of the woods,' and that the advice and watchword should go forth from this convention of the American Federation of Labor to the toilers of our country to resist by every honorable and lawful means at their command and every attempt to reduce wages. Notwithstanding every effort to help in the solution of the disputes relative to trade union jurisdiction, much progress cannot be reported. No observing, experienced and faithful trade unionist believes that a hard and fast rule of jurisdiction can be predicated and enforced which will apply with exactitude to all trade unions alike."

The report of Secretary Frank Morrison showed that the average membership for the year was 1,676,200, an increase of 210,400 over 1903. The report of the treasurer, John B. Lennon, showed that the balance on hand Oct. 1 was \$102,017.94.

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